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TAGS: EGEN, ASEAN, SN, US

SUBJECT: US-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS

REF: JAKARTA 3038

1. IN MEETING WITH MFA DIRECTOR FOR REGIONAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS LEE CHIONG GIAM ON OTHER MATTERS, WE ASKED HIM ABOUT PROGRESS TOWARD AN ASEAN MECHANISM FOR IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS WITH USG ON US-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS LATER THIS YEAR. LEE POINTED OUT THAT ASEAN HAS THUS FAR DESIGNATED ONE ASEAN COUNTRY TO SERVE AS CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR OTHER COUNTRIES WITH WHICH IT HAS BEGUN DIALOGS. HE SAID THAT HE WAS AWARE OF LIMITATIONS TO THIS APPROACH, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CHANGE PROCEDURES ALREADY ESTABLISHED.

2. WE TOLD LEE OF DAS HEGINBOTHAM'S KEEN INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENT OF MORE EFFECTIVE MEANS OF TALKING WITH ASEAN ABOUT US-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS, DRAWING ON REFTEL. WE TOLD HIM THAT PHILIPPINE
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GOVERNMENT WAS IN CONSTANT AND EFFECTIVE CONTACT WITH OUR MANILA EMBASSY ON US-ASEAN MATTERS, BUT THAT THIS CHANNEL WAS INEVITABLY TIME-CONSUMING BECAUSE GOP MUST COORDINATE WITH OTHER FOUR ASEAN GOVERNMENTS. TIME PRESSURE ON PREPARATIONS FOR US-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS ARGUES FOR MORE EXPEDITIOUS WAY TO COMMUNICATING ON THIS ONE SUBJECT. LEE PROMISED TO DISCUSS QUESTION WITH ASEAN COLLEAGUES AT NEXT OPPORTUNITY.

3. INCIDENTALLY, LEE MENTIONED THAT MFA HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM THAI FORFRGN MINISTRY ASKING WHETHER GOS FAVORS US-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS AT "FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL" AND REQUESTING AGREEMENT TO CONVENE MEETING ON CONSULTATIONS ASAP. GOS WILL REPLY AFFIRMATIVELY TO BOTH REQUESTS. LEE REMARKED, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, THAT GOS HAS NO PROBLEMS BETWEEN FOREIGN AND "ECONOMIC" MINISTERS AND THAT IT PLANS TO STAY OUT OF THOSE OF ASEAN PARTNERS. HOLDRIDGE

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